GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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DOORDARSHAN AIR STATIONS IN ASSAM
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the population catered to by the Doordarshan and All India Radio in Assam;

(b) the Doordarshan and AIR Transmission Stations in Assam; and

(c) the steps taken to provide these media facilities to the entire population, including the Tribal population of Assam, under the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): 94.22% area and 97.50% population of Assam is estimated to be covered by AIR whereas coverage by Doordarshan is to an extent of 74.6% by area and 82.8% by population (inclusive of fringe coverage).

(b): 10 AIR Stations and 28 Doordarshan Transmitters of varying power are presently functioning in Assam.

(c): During the 9th Five Year Plan, 10 KW MW Tr. at Silchar is being upgraded to 20KW MW Tr. The project is targetted for completion during 2000-01. Besides the high power transmitters (DD2) at Silchar and Guwahati and low power transmitter at Dibrugarh (DD II), Gohpur (DD I) and Bokakhat (DD I) have already been commissioned in Assam during the 9th plan period. A transposer (DD I) is under implementation at Guwahati which is expected to be commissioned during 2001.